

R_ForLoops.R

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# Understanding For loops  
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# NJG
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```
# for (var in seq) { }
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```
# var changes in the loop
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```
for (i in 1:5) {  
  cat("i =", i, "\n")  
}
```

```
## i = 1  
## i = 2  
## i = 3  
## i = 4  
## i = 5
```

```
# better to set a variable as the endpoint
```

```
z <- 5  
for (i in 1:z) {  
  cat("i=", i, " z=", z, "\n")  
}
```

```
## i= 1  z= 5  
## i= 2  z= 5  
## i= 3  z= 5  
## i= 4  z= 5  
## i= 5  z= 5
```

```
# be careful about the sequence endpoints
```

```
for (i in z) {  
  cat("i=", i, " z=", z, "\n")  
}
```

```
## i= 5  z= 5
```

```
# be careful about variables inside and outside of the loop and how they are initialized
```

```
z <- 5  
v1 <- 10  
v2 <- 0  
for (i in 1:z) {
```

```

v1 <- v1 + i^2
v2 <- v2*i
cat("i= ",i," z=",z," v1=",v1," v2=",v2,"\n")
}

```

```

## i= 1  z= 5  v1= 11  v2= 0
## i= 2  z= 5  v1= 15  v2= 0
## i= 3  z= 5  v1= 24  v2= 0
## i= 4  z= 5  v1= 40  v2= 0
## i= 5  z= 5  v1= 65  v2= 0

```

always make the loop variable an integer sequence

permissible, but very confusing

```

z <- c(1.1, 4.4, 5.5)
for (i in z) {
  result <- i^2
  cat("i = ",i, "result = ",result," z = ",z,"\n")
}

```

```

## i = 1.1 result = 1.21 z = 1.1 4.4 5.5
## i = 4.4 result = 19.36 z = 1.1 4.4 5.5
## i = 5.5 result = 30.25 z = 1.1 4.4 5.5

```

```

myvec <- c(1.1, 4.4, 5.5)

for (i in 1:length(myvec)) {
  result <- myvec[i]^2
  cat("i = ",i," result = ",result," length(myvec) = ",length(myvec),"\n")
}

```

```

## i = 1  result = 1.21  length(myvec) = 3
## i = 2  result = 19.36  length(myvec) = 3
## i = 3  result = 30.25  length(myvec) = 3

```

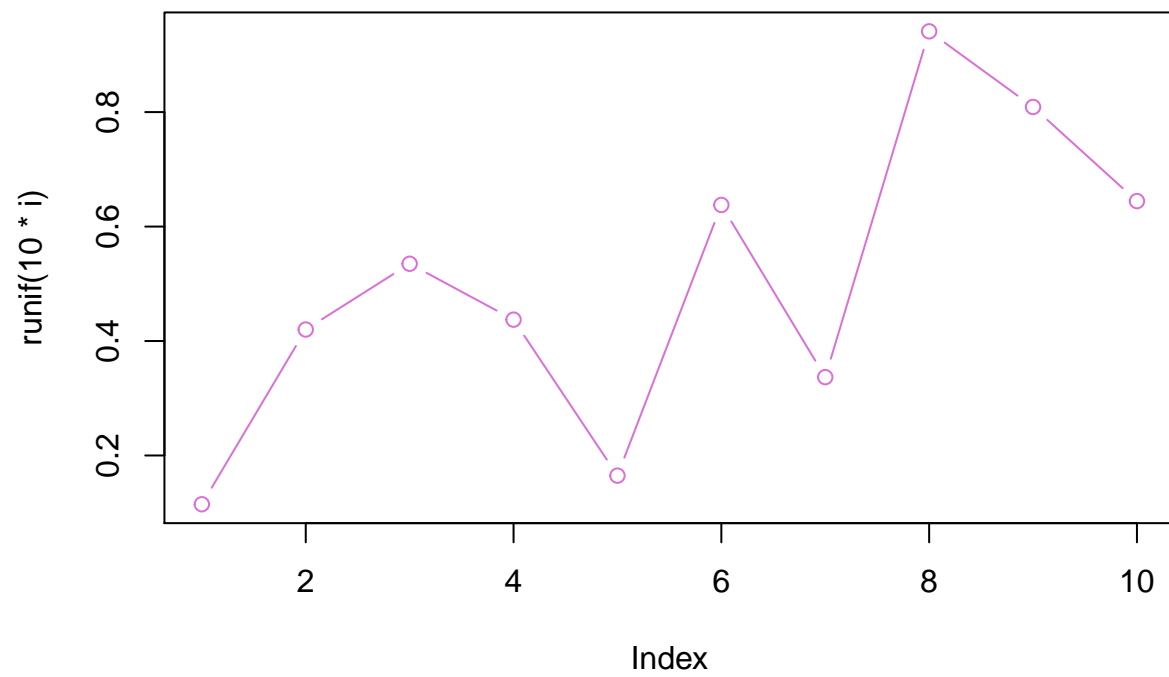
still easy to operate on character strings

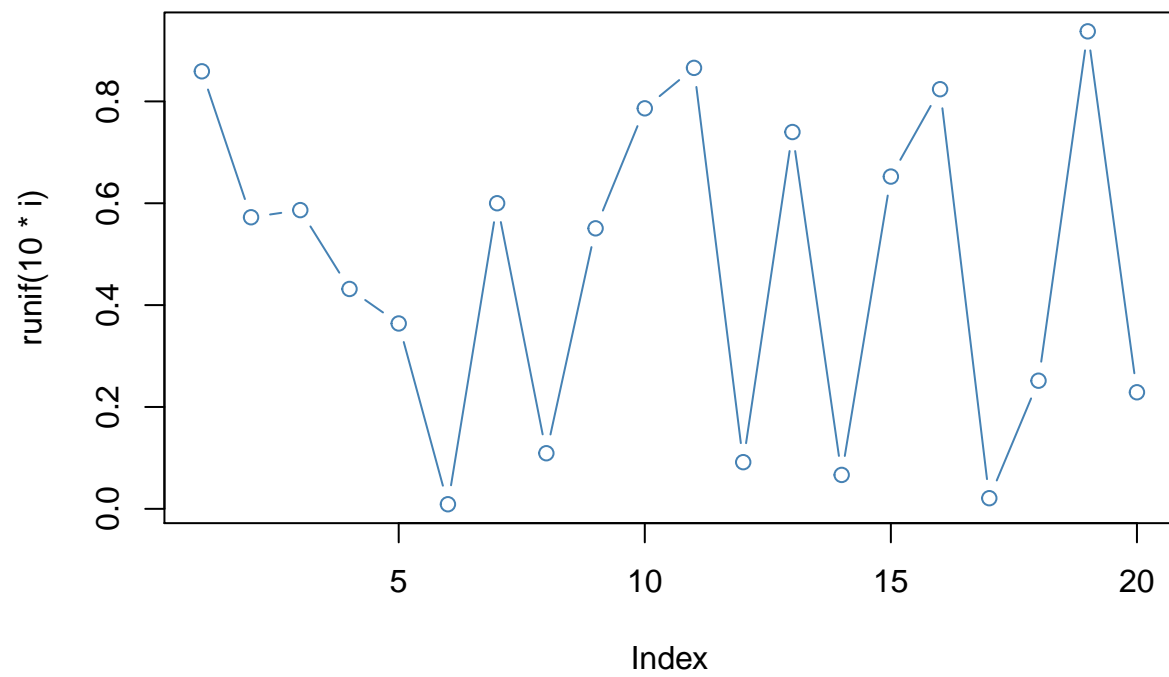
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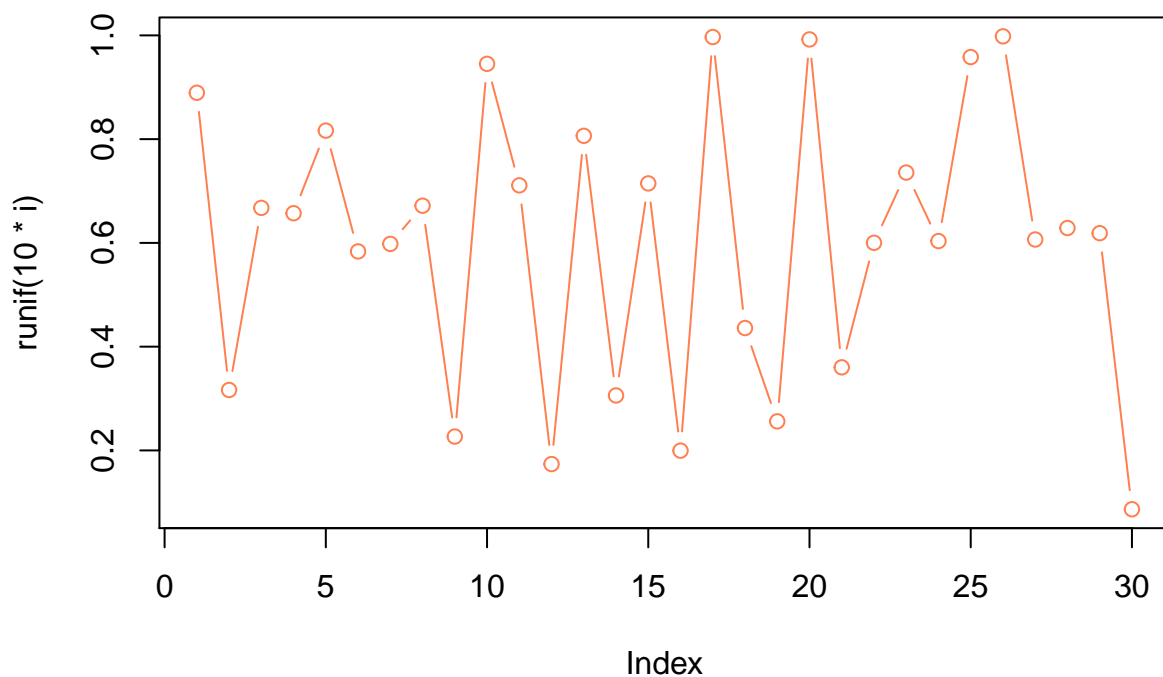
mycolors <- c("orchid","steelblue","coral")

for (i in 1:length(mycolors)) {
  plot(runif(10*i),type="b",col=mycolors[i])
}

```







```
# A random walk model of population growth!
# Referencing different elements in the vector
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```
# Define 2 global variables
N0 <- 50 # initial population size
time <- 100 # length of time series
```

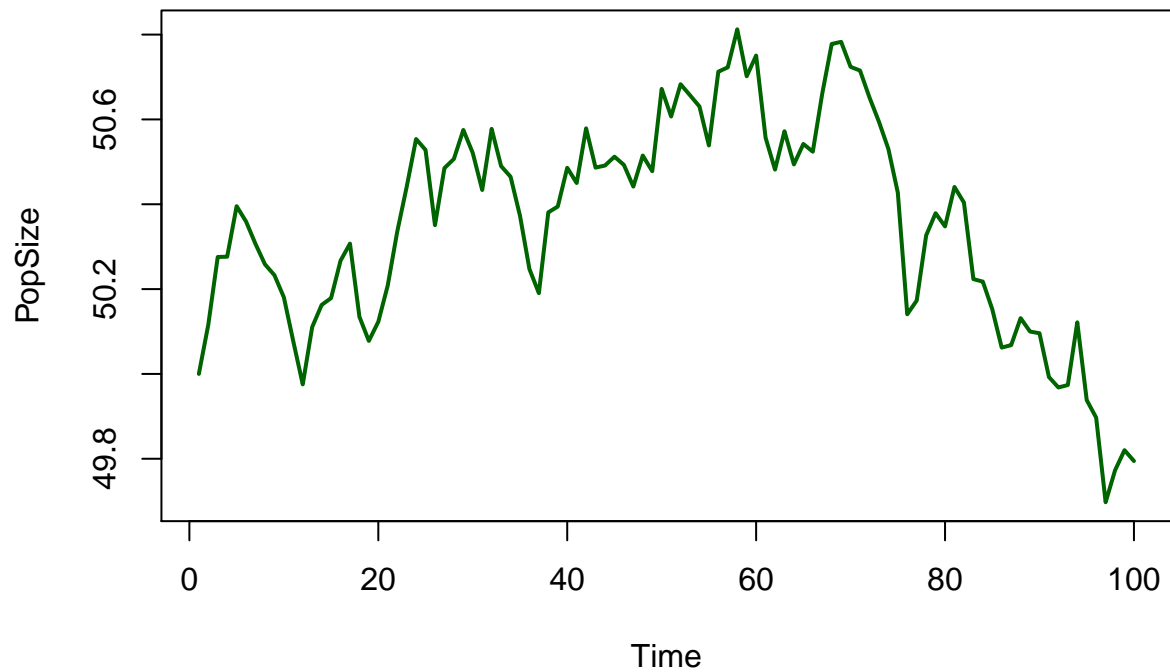
```
PopSize <- vector(mode="numeric",length=time)
head(PopSize)
```

```
## [1] 0 0 0 0 0 0
```

```
PopSize[1] <- N0
```

```
for (i in 2:length(PopSize)) {
  PopSize[i] <- PopSize[i - 1] + rnorm(n=1, mean= 0.0, sd=0.1)
}
```

```
plot(x=1:length(PopSize),y=PopSize,type="l",xlab="Time",ylab="PopSize",col="darkgreen",lwd=2)
```

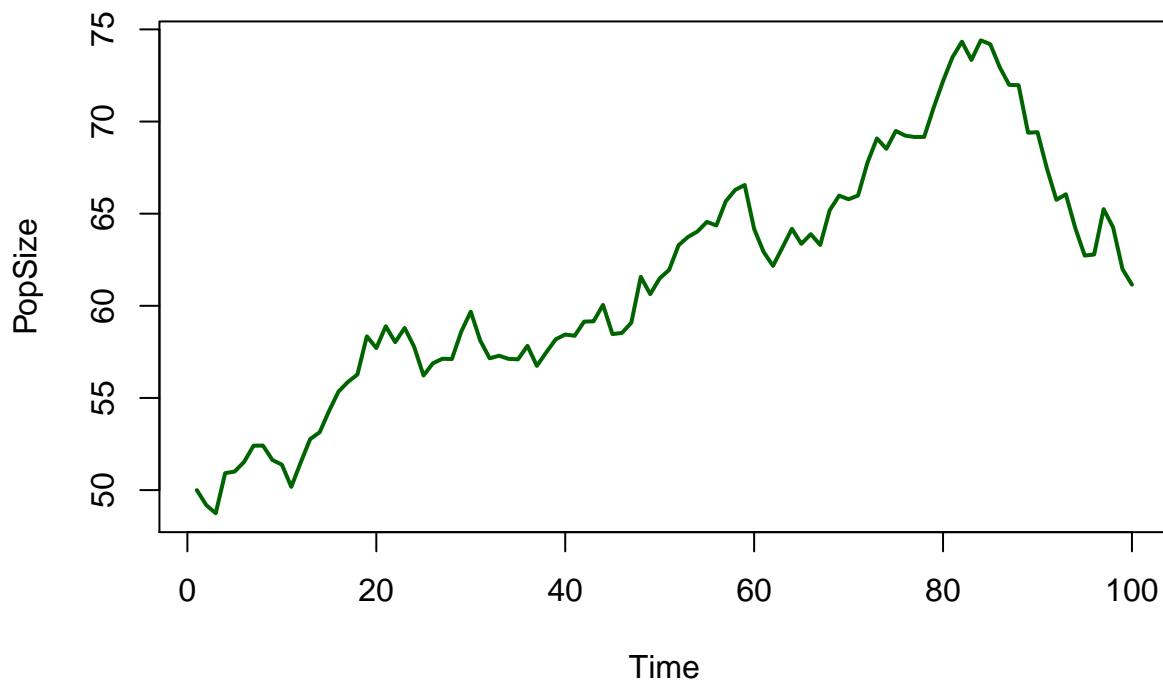


```
# Bundle In A Function
RandomWalk <- function(N0=50,time=100,mean=0,sd=1){
  PopSize <- vector(mode="numeric",length=time)
  PopSize[1] <- N0

  for (i in 2:length(PopSize)) {
    PopSize[i] <- PopSize[i - 1] + rnorm(n=1, mean= mean, sd=sd)
  }

  plot(x=1:length(PopSize),y=PopSize,type="l",xlab="Time",ylab="PopSize",col="darkgreen",lwd=2)
}

RandomWalk()
```

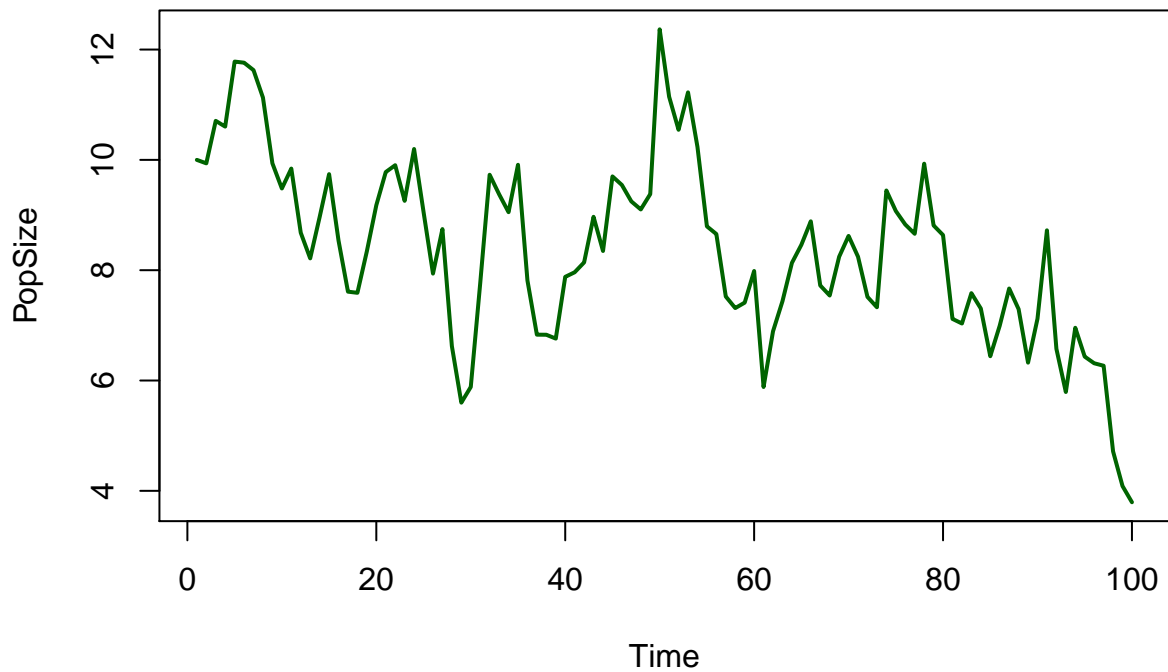


```
# Use the break function to stop a loop before the end

RandomWalk2 <- function(N0=50,time=100,mean=0,sd=1){
  PopSize <- vector(mode="numeric",length=time)
  PopSize[1] <- N0

  for (i in 2:length(PopSize)) {
    PopSize[i] <- PopSize[i - 1] + rnorm(n=1, mean= mean, sd=sd)
    if (PopSize[i] <= 0) {
      PopSize[i] <- 0
      break
    }
  }
}

plot(x=1:length(PopSize),y=PopSize,type="l",xlab="Time",ylab="PopSize",col="darkgreen",lwd=2)
}
RandomWalk2(N0=10,time=100)
```



using a double for loop to traverse a matrix

```
m <- matrix(1:12,nrow=4,byrow=TRUE)

for (i in 1:nrow(m)) {
  for (j in 1:ncol(m)) {
    z <- runif(1)
    m[i,j] <- m[i,j] + z
  }
}
print(m)
```

```
##           [,1]      [,2]      [,3]
## [1,]  1.757148  2.429732  3.635259
## [2,]  4.646364  5.948370  6.325738
## [3,]  7.435808  8.878563  9.164080
## [4,] 10.112403 11.252142 12.627553
```

move the random number outside the inner loop

```
m <- matrix(1:12,nrow=4,byrow=TRUE)

for (i in 1:nrow(m)) {
  z <- runif(1)
  for (j in 1:ncol(m)) {
```



```

    m[i,j] <- m[i,j] + z
  }
}
print(m)

```

```

##           [,1]      [,2]      [,3]
## [1,]  1.735770  2.735770  3.735770
## [2,]  4.309758  5.309758  6.309758
## [3,]  7.998907  8.998907  9.998907
## [4,] 10.052623 11.052623 12.052623

```

move the random number outside entire loop

```

m <- matrix(1:12,nrow=4,byrow=TRUE)
z <- runif(1)

for (i in 1:nrow(m)) {
  for (j in 1:ncol(m)) {
    m[i,j] <- m[i,j] + z
  }
}
print(m)

```

```

##           [,1]      [,2]      [,3]
## [1,]  1.822648  2.822648  3.822648
## [2,]  4.822648  5.822648  6.822648
## [3,]  7.822648  8.822648  9.822648
## [4,] 10.822648 11.822648 12.822648

```

Q: How to fill by columns?

A: reverse row and column loops

```

m <- matrix(1:12,nrow=4,byrow=TRUE)

for (i in 1:ncol(m)) {
  z <- runif(1)
  for (j in 1:nrow(m)) {
    m[j,i] <- m[j,i] + z
  }
}
print(m)

```

```

##           [,1]      [,2]      [,3]
## [1,]  1.136705  2.598981  3.145138
## [2,]  4.136705  5.598981  6.145138
## [3,]  7.136705  8.598981  9.145138
## [4,] 10.136705 11.598981 12.145138

```

Acting on matrices without for loops

Add a different random number to each element

```

m <- matrix(1:12,nrow=4,byrow=TRUE)
m <- m + runif(n=length(m))
print(m)

```

```
##           [,1]      [,2]      [,3]
## [1,]  1.864543  2.996760  3.604810
## [2,]  4.384904  5.782621  6.558888
## [3,]  7.617942  8.639488  9.174016
## [4,] 10.835517 11.285256 12.080047
```

```
# Add the same random number to all elements
m <- matrix(1:12,nrow=4,byrow=TRUE)
m <- m + runif(n=1)
print(m)
```

```
##           [,1]      [,2]      [,3]
## [1,]  1.69503  2.69503  3.69503
## [2,]  4.69503  5.69503  6.69503
## [3,]  7.69503  8.69503  9.69503
## [4,] 10.69503 11.69503 12.69503
```

```
# Combine for loops and vectorized operations
# Add the same number to each row
m <- matrix(1:12,nrow=4,byrow=TRUE)
for (i in 1:nrow(m)) {
  m[i,] <- m[i,] + runif(1)
}
print(m)
```

```
##           [,1]      [,2]      [,3]
## [1,]  1.427626  2.427626  3.427626
## [2,]  4.416504  5.416504  6.416504
## [3,]  7.452085  8.452085  9.452085
## [4,] 10.121102 11.121102 12.121102
```

```
# Add the same number to each column
m <- matrix(1:12,nrow=4,byrow=TRUE)
for (j in 1:ncol(m)) {
  m[,j] <- m[,j] + runif(1)
}
print(m)
```

```
##           [,1]      [,2]      [,3]
## [1,]  1.135544  2.968763  3.651427
## [2,]  4.135544  5.968763  6.651427
## [3,]  7.135544  8.968763  9.651427
## [4,] 10.135544 11.968763 12.651427
```